

GREEN SHEET



Virg Bernero, Mayor

Waste Reduction Services Newsletter

The source for recycling, composting, refuse, and bulk item collection information and waste reduction education for Lansing residents.

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An Important Message About Your Service...

As we stated last Fall, beginning with the 2007 yard waste collection season, the City of Lansing will no longer accept leaves, grass clippings and other materials in rigid containers. This is due to a rising number of injuries to the drivers who have to lift up the containers (often too heavy or awkward) to dump them into the truck. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we have to make the safety of our workforce a priority.



Yard waste will continue to be picked up in paper yard waste bags. These bags are made from a renewable resource and are fully compostable. Brush and tree trimmings may be tied with string or twine and bundled. Please follow the guidelines outlined on page 4 of this newsletter for proper procedures.

What will I do with my yard waste containers?

As promised, listed below are some suggested uses for rigid containers formerly used to hold yard waste materials:

- Food waste digester that can be buried in backyard – log on to www.lansingrecycles.com or call us for more information
- Pet waste digester that can be buried in backyard – log on to www.lansingrecycles.com or call us for more information
- Freecycle – post the containers on this free on-line yahoo group to see if anyone else would like them. Go to: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/MMFN/ for more details.

In an effort to educate Lansing residents on how to handle some of their yard waste in their own backyards, WRS will hold two FREE backyard composting and grasscycling demonstrations. See details below.

Dates: **Tuesday, April 17 and Tuesday, April 24**
Time: **5-7pm**
Location: **Fenner Nature Center, 2020 Mt. Hope, Lansing**

Description: Master composters will demonstrate techniques for managing yard waste on your own property. The demonstrations are free and open to everyone. Lansing residents will receive 5 free paper yard waste bags if desired.

For a free packet of information about home composting and proper yard waste management, contact us at 483-4400 or recycle@ci.lansing.mi.us.

***A note about your service:** Many residents have asked how the yard waste program is paid for. The yard waste service is included in the annual recycling fee, that portion of the fee is currently \$22.32/year. It's assessed to each single family property owner. The program allows residents to set out an unlimited amount of material between April and November. It is an outstanding value that few other communities offer their residents.